



# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

As we now approach Christmas, we have lots of activities taking place including our Christmas Card competition which I will be shortlisting and announcing the winner in next week's News and Views. We also have our annual Christmas Concert, showcasing our wonderful young musicians, next Wednesday and Thursday evening.

This year we will be reintroducing the St Martin's tradition of Christmas meals served to the pupils by the senior leadership team and our pupil leaders. Each year group will have an earlier lunch to accommodate the occasion. To keep the cost down, the school subsidises each meal, but we will also pay for all of Year 7 and Year 11 pupils, so that they can have lunch with their tutors. The deadline to book the meal has been extended to Sunday 1 December (Year 7 and 11 pupils still need to complete the form so we are aware of any dietary requirements but no payment is needed).

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher's gallery winners; Fraser Simmonds in Year 7, for winning the Shaw Trust Clare Grey Rising Star award at the Disability Power 100 Awards and Kingston Earlington in Year 10, for winning a bronze medal representing St Martin's School at the British Judo NHC Championship.



## Children in Need Grand Total £928.00

We are pleased to announce that we raised £928 which is amazing! Well done to everyone who took part; pupils and staff enjoyed all of the activities that took place.



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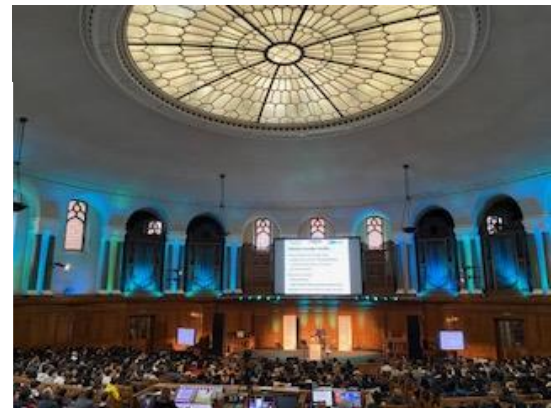
## ★ STEM Careers in the NHS

On Monday 25 November, selected pupils in Years 9, 10, 12 and 13 participated in a STEM Careers workshop for the NHS. Pupils engaged in a number of activities designed to open their eyes to the 350+ different jobs within the NHS. Pupils took part in activities to develop key transferable skills, such as communication. During the final task, pupils were asked to listen to their partners' instructions on how to model an animal out of plasticine, that they were unable to see. This task demonstrated the importance of listening but also how to give clear instructions. We hope the pupils enjoyed the session and left informed of the various NHS careers opportunities.



## ★ Computer Science in Action

This week the Computer Science class attended the 'Computer Science in Action' event at the Emmanuel Centre in London. This was an engaging opportunity for pupils to explore the intersection of computer science, cognitive science, and real-world applications. The event included several insightful lectures from industry professionals, which expanded on understanding of how these principles are applied in fields such as advertising, software development, and artificial intelligence. One of the most exciting topics covered was by Paul Kerzen, explaining the application of cognitive science in advertising.



The lecture included examples of successful advertising campaigns with Coca-Cola and Pepsi that used cognitive principles to effectively target specific audiences. The pupils were highly engaged and had the opportunity to expand their knowledge beyond the classroom.

## ★ National Baton Twirling Championships

Congratulations to Reilly Honour and Mia London both in Year 7, who took part in the National Baton Twirling Association Competition. Reilly came 6<sup>th</sup> in her solo, 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Twirl Team and 1<sup>st</sup> and National champions in their Pom Pom Team.



## 📅 Dates for the Diary

- 02.12.24 - Year 11 GCSE Rock Climbing  
CV writing workshop
- 03.12.24 - Year 10 Holocaust Education  
- Year 11 Awards Evening
- 04.12.24 - Year 12 & 13 Careers Trip  
- Christmas Concert

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE for further PE updates

Word of the Week  
Week 12 Empower



**verb:** to give someone the authority, confidence, or power to do something

**Sentence:** The teacher's goal was to empower her students by encouraging them to think critically and take ownership of their learning.



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# CV Writing Workshops



Across Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week, all Year 10 pupils had a 2 hour CV writing workshop with the Department for Work and Pensions. The students were led through a template and had each component of their CV explained to them, to ensure they clearly understood why each part was important. The session helped answer questions raised by the pupils and build their confidence to complete their initial CV. The session explained to pupils how employers use CVs to shortlist candidates for interview and how AI software is increasingly being used by larger companies to identify stronger candidates more suitable to the role advertised. This is the first stage in getting all of Year 10 'work ready'. In January, Year 10s will each have a 30 minute 1:1 interview with an employer. They will use their CV during a mock interview with an employer. It is also intended that their CV will help them to obtain Work Experience, when all of Year 10 complete Work Experience 30th June – 4th July 2025. May I remind Year 10 parents that they are invited to attend the Parents' Information Evening for Work Experience on 11 December from 17:00-18:00. Here the full process will be explained and parents and students will have the opportunity to ask questions. **Mrs A Frappell**



# Royal Navy visit

The Royal Navy visited St Martins last week, delivering information to Year 9 pupils. They gave a presentation on the roles within the Navy, how it functions and how it is funded, as well as challenging stereotypes.

Our pupils learnt about how the Navy defend our country and took part in an interactive activity that saw them "lost at sea". Our pupils did fantastically, and mostly all "survived" the shipwreck!

Year 9 were a fantastic year group to work with and engaged wonderfully with our guests."



# Yr 10 GCSE Art Students

Year 10 GCSE Art students have been completing A2 study boards on the theme of food, creating artwork using oil pastel and coloured pencil. Students have shown outstanding determination and produced exceptional work.

Displayed here is work by Millie Powell, Leia Moore, Gracie Lee and Izabella Jones.



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# CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



**Weds** | **SOUTH** | **Thurs**  
**4 Dec** | **HALL** | **5 Dec**

**6pm**

**£4 Kids | £6 Adults**

# Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Roast Turkey, Sage & Onion Stuffing  
& Chicken Chipolata Sausage

or

Vegan Roasted Vegetable  
& Cranberry Wellington

Served with

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts

Roast Parsnips

Carrots & Gravy

Dessert

Gingerbread Brownie

£4.00

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